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Soldier charged in wife's death

Man originally claimed she shot herself in head

BY NICK TABOR
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

When Kathleen McGee died at her home in Oak Grove three months ago, her husband, Michael Korolevich, told sheriff's deputies she shot herself in the head.

Investigators now believe Korolevich killed her. He confessed to the crime Wednesday during an interview with a detective and also provided a written statement to the same effect, according to a Christian County sheriff's report.

Korolevich, 32, a Fort Campbell staff sergeant, is now at

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Korolevich

WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

US hopes for reconciliation talks

BY ANNE GEARAN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration sought to put the best face on an Afghanistan policy called into question Thursday by the apparent shelving of talks with insurgents and an announcement from the U.S.-backed government in Kabul that it will not support the fielding of U.S. forces deep into rural villages, a key goal of the current military strategy.

The announcements

"There is no likely resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan without a political resolution."

Jay Carney

White House press secretary

from Afghanistan strike at both elements of the twin-track U.S. exit strategy, which calls for a gradual transfer of security authority to Afghan

forces and U.S. talks with Taliban insurgents as a seed for larger political reconciliation talks with

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a call to serve



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Brandon Pulsifer (from left to right), Aidan Crawford and Emmet Gorgon finish painting the floor of a building at Jeffers Bend. The boys and 46 others from their school in Boston spent the last five days in Hopkinsville, performing community service projects and learning about the area's history and culture.

Boston students perform local projects

BY NICK TABOR
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

James White, a Hopkinsville alumnus who graduated from Harvard University and started a scholar program for Hopkinsville students, used to tell his colleagues in Boston about his hometown.

He worked for a boys' private school, Belmont Hill School. Every year a group of the school's students travels to a different area to perform community service, and White thought Hopkinsville would be ideal.

He has since changed jobs and moved west, but this year, the school decided it was time.

Forty-nine Boston boys from grades seven through 12 spent the last five days here, painting and cleaning at non-profit agencies, touring local attractions, eating Southern food.

White put them in touch with Challenge House founder Wally Bryan and insurance agent Wynn Radford. These men helped arrange an array of service projects: debris cleanup and weed trimming at Jeffers Bend, painting at Aaron

McNeil House, a research trip at the United Benevolent Society's cemetery on Vine Street.

At the cemetery, they cleared weeds and cleaned gravestones of Civil War soldiers, then copied down the buried soldiers' names. They plan to research the soldiers' stories on ancestry websites, said Donna David, who coordinates the school's community service projects.

A sergeant at Fort Campbell showed them around post, and a West Point graduate spoke with them,

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253 people said
In a letter to the school board

"We support a system that has effective discipline and fosters mutual respect..."

During the public comment session of the meeting, a letter signed by 253 people was read to the board. The letter said the district needed new leadership and supported the board's decision not to renew Superintendent Brady Link's contract.

"We support a system that has effective discipline and fosters mutual respect, responsibility, accountability and achievement," the letter stated.

In addition, Angie Major, chair of the Christian County Education Coalition, told the board that more than 200 people have signed an online petition supporting a

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WHO WE ARE: Sharmine Sivils, 39, Pembroke

Sharmine Sivils, a single mother, visits a different place every year with her three children — a 21-year-old son, 15-year-old daughter and 16-month-old son. Last year, they went to Atlanta. This year, she plans to take them to Chattanooga, Tenn.



Her oldest son is in the Navy and, on Sunday, deployed to the Mediterranean Sea. While in Kentucky, Sivils said she likes to go bowling at the alley at Fort Campbell. Just recently, Sivils returned to Kentucky from Virginia, where her son was recently stationed.

Is there someone you know who deserves attention? We'd like to know. Contact us at 270-887-3238 or visit kentuckynewera.com. We'll take it from there.

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LOCAL/AREA DEATHS

JANE JOHNSON

Ouida Jane Johnson, 76, Ellen Drive, died at 6:05 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at her home of cancer. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lamb Funeral Home with the Rev. Ron Hicks officiating.



Burial will be in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A native of Christian County, she was born Aug. 8, 1935, the daughter of the late Houston Kemp and Louise Davis.

She served as a medical technologist at Outwood Hospital for 21 years and later for 18 years at Western State Hospital.

She was a member of Henderson Memorial Baptist Church and also attended Vaughn's Grove United Methodist Church.

She was a member of the Pennyville Homemakers Club in Dawson Springs.

Her husband, John Norman Johnson, died in 1992.

Survivors include two daughters, Carla Johnson and Mrs. Brad (Robin Johnson) Kelley, both of Lexington, and two grandchildren.

Donations may be made to Pennyroyal Hospice or to Henderson Memorial Baptist Church.

SHYRELL YVONNE TORIAN

On March 11, 2012, Shyrell Y. Torian, of 128 Collins St., Hartford, CT, was called home unexpectedly. Shyrell, the daughter of the late Dorothy Mae Torian Caldwell and Morgan Caldwell was born in Hopkinsville, KY in 1955. She graduated from Hopkinsville High School in 1974 and earned a B.A. from Kentucky State University in 1980.

Shyrell settled in Hartford in 1983. In 2001, Shyrell earned her MSW at the UCONN School of Social Work. She worked for many years in service to children, youth, and families. At the time of her death, she was about to launch "Torian Tutorial" in furtherance of her work. Shyrell leaves to mourn one sister in Connecticut, Rose Hill-Berrios and her husband, Michael Berrios, Bloomfield, CT. She also leaves nieces and nephews, Kasina Hill, Karmon Hill, Valeria Caldwell-Gaines, Ayesha V. Gaines, Kiara Martinez, Kenzi Lee, Jabari and James A. Gaines and a host of friends to include her "bestie," Shawna. Awaiting her in Kentucky will be her sisters, Thelma Caldwell Boyd who raised her; Arletha McKnight, Phyllis A. Torian, Ivory J. Kilpatrick, (Chicago, IL), and a large contingency of Torian relatives and life-long friends. The family is comforted by their knowledge of Shyrell's love and deep and abiding faith in God. She was a devoted member of The First Cathedral Church.

A memorial celebration of Shyrell's life will be held at the Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Home, 94 Granby St., Bloomfield, CT, on March 16, 2012 at 11 a.m. The family appreciates all the expressions of love and support. Shyrell will be buried in her hometown of Hopkinsville, KY.

Paid for by family

JAMES SHELTON JR.

James Shelton Jr., 57, Long Pond Road, Pembroke, died at 10:45 p.m. Sunday March 11, 2012, at his home of natural causes.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with the Revs. Brandt Lyon and Jimmy Stewart officiating.

Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

A native of Christian County, he was born April 1, 1954, the son of Delta Wilson Shelton, Pembroke, and the late James Shelton Sr.

He was a farmer and self-employed electrician and was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and was also a Baptist deacon and a member of the Christian County Gideon Camp.

He was a former member of the Southern States Petroleum Board, the Farm Bureau board of directors and the Farm Service Agency committee.

He won numerous awards over the years including the Kentucky Young Farmer Association Outstanding performance in corn production and burley tobacco production.

He was the county winner of the Goodyear Outstanding Cooperator Award, given by the Christian County Commissioners and was recipient of the environmental and sustainable agriculture awards.

In 1986 he was named Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer for the state of Kentucky, and in 2009 he was winner of the Farmer of the Year in Christian County Chamber of Commerce Business.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Cynthia Hart Shelton; a son, Dr. Jared Michael Shelton, Lexington; his brothers, Joe Shelton, Pembroke, Jeff Shelton, Jeffersonville, Ind.; and his sisters, Carla Chenoweth, Pembroke, and Delta Ann Shelton, Hopkinsville.

Memorials may be made to Pennyville Hospice, 220 Burley Ave., Hopkinsville, KY 42240, or the American Cancer Society, 2425 Scottsville Road, Suite 123, Bowling Green, KY 42104.

RONALD EDWARD MURPHY

Ronald Edward Murphy, 46, Covington, formerly of Hopkinsville, died at 5:21 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, in Edgewood, of natural causes.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Adams and Sons Mortuary with the Rev. Michael Torian officiating.

The body was cremated.

There will be a family gathering from 4-5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A native of Hopkinsville, he was born Sept. 16, 1965, the son of the late James Joe Murphy and Annie Francis McKnight Hopson.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his daughter, Monisha Summers, Petersburg, Va.; three brothers, Joe Murphy Jr., Charleston, S.C., Darren Murphy and James Hopson Jr., both of Hopkinsville; two sisters, Sharlette Hayes, Chicago, and Joy Hopson, Hopkinsville; and two grandchildren.

ERNEST BRUNTY

Ernest Henry Brunt, 80, Hopkinsville, died Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Skyline Hospice in Madison, Tenn., of natural causes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Gamble Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. N.A. Kirby officiating.

Burial will be in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West at 10 a.m. Monday.

Visitation will be from noon until the time of service Sunday at the funeral home.

A native of Christian County, he was born June 5, 1931, the son of the late Charlie Smith and Nazareth Griffith White.

He was an Army veteran and retired from the Steel Mill, East Chicago, Ind.

Survivors include his wife, LaRhonda Brunt; two sons, Ernest Davie-Brunty, Hopkinsville, and Charlie Davie-Brunty, Louisville; three daughters, Debra Brunt, Hopkinsville, Ernestine Brunt-Robinson, Brooklyn Park, Minn., and Judy Brunt, East Chicago; his stepson, T'Marcus Hall, Hopkinsville; and 19 grandchildren.

ETHEL FUTTRELL

Ethel "Bill" Futtrell, 85, formerly of Cadiz, died at 7:28 a.m. this morning at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, of natural causes.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Goodwin Funeral Home.

ANGELA HARP

Angela "Mickey" Cummins Harp, 23, Princeton, died at 3:01 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn., of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with the Revs. Jeff Boone and Terry Davis officiating.

Burial will be in Asher Cemetery, Caldwell County.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

A native of Hopkins County, she was born May 17, 1988, the daughter of Joe and Jill Brown Cummins, Princeton.

She was a corrections officer at Western Kentucky Corrections Center.

She attended Fairview Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, survivors include two sons, Kya Harp and Dakota Harp, both of the home; her brother, Chris (Laura) Cummins, Princeton; and her sister, Mrs. Brad (Jessica) Brewer, Hopkins County.

Memorials may be made to The Children of Angela Harp Fund, care of Woodforest Bank, 1500 U.S. Hwy. 62 W, Princeton, KY 42445.

ELSEWHERE

DENNIS LACY

Dr. Dennis G. Lacy, 76, Marion, died Wednesday afternoon, March 14, 2012, at Crittenden County Hospital following a long illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Crittenden County High School's Rocket Arena.

Interment will be in Rosebud Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 until 9 p.m. Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion and from 9 a.m. until the services time Sunday at the arena.

He was the son of the late George Edward and Daisy Irene Lacy.

He was retired as superintendent of Crittenden County Schools.

He was a member of Marion Christian Church, the Professional Education Standards Board, Masonic Lodge No. 672 and an Air Force veteran.

He was the recipient of the 1993 Dupree Award for Superintendent of the Year.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Lacy; his daughter, Lynette Lacy Sylvester, Salem, Ore.; two sons, Jason Lacy, Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Dennis Lee Lacy, Hopkinsville; two brothers, Dudley Lacy, Hopkinsville, and Frederick T. Lacy, Louisville; and two grandchildren.

House panel approves budget for roads, bridges

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)

Lawmakers took a first step Thursday toward adopting a two-year, \$3.5 billion transportation budget that would pay for road and bridge construction across the state.

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee voted 25-1 to approve the construction plan that would funnel money to several major projects already underway, including widening dangerous stretches of Interstate 65 in western Kentucky and the Mountain Parkway in the east.

"Most of the projects that we started and the Senate started over the past four years are advancing now," said House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg. "New projects that the governor put in will probably somewhat have to go to the back of the pack."

The proposal, which breezed through the budget committee with support from both Democrats and Republicans, now goes to the full House for consideration. The lone dissenter in the budget committee was Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, who objected to what he considered tacit approval in the transportation budget of tolls to pay for two proposed Ohio Rivers bridges in Louisville.

The transportation budget appropriates

more than \$300 million over the next two years for the Louisville bridges, which are expected to be completed by 2018 at a cost of nearly \$2.6 billion.

Lawmakers have spent most of this year's legislative session dealing with two issues, political redistricting and budgeting.

So far, they've been able to redraw boundary lines around the state's congressional districts. Though they passed a legislative redistricting plan, it was tossed by the Kentucky Supreme Court for being unconstitutional because it failed to adequately balance the populations of the House and Senate districts.

With 11 days remaining in the legislative session, lawmakers now have been focusing on the budget.

Last week, the House passed a \$19.5 billion biennial spending plan that imposes 8.4 percent cuts on most executive, judicial and legislative branch agencies.

Even some 200,000 state and local government retirees took hits when House lawmakers erased 1.5 percent cost-of-living increases from their monthly pension payments.

The Senate hasn't yet unveiled any changes to the House plan. Senate leaders have said they will likely vote on the transportation budget before the executive branch budget.



In this March 9 photo, a soldier with Duke Brigade stands at parade rest after the unveiling of the Duke Brigade Memorial at Fort Knox. Many took rubbings of the soldiers' names for a keepsake. The memorial has seven tablets — one that represents the 3/1 as a brigade and six others representing battalions within the brigade. It includes the names of all soldiers killed in the line of duty since the war on terror began in 2001. The names are etched on the tablet of the battalion in which they served.

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Trivon Williams turns the corner during a practice for the Christian County Outlaws at the Oak Grove Community Center. The Outlaws open their season on June 2 at home.

Outlaws reveal its schedule

BY DAVID SNOW

FOR THE NEW ERA

The Christian County Outlaws, a minor league football team, announced its schedule for the upcoming season on Wednesday.

The schedule differs from the one originally given to the team by the Gridiron Developmental Football League. Now, there are more home games earlier in the season.

That could help the team in its quest to use the Stadium of Champions as its home field.

The Christian County Public Schools board agreed to let the team use the stadium for games on July 14 and July 21 — originally the first two home games of the season — with the possibility of letting the team use the field later in the season, depending on how things went with those two games.

The board voiced concern about allowing the team to use the field beyond July 21 because it had to be ready for the Hopkinsville and Christian County high school athletic teams. The updated schedule has the Outlaws opening the season at home on June 2, with four more home games on June 23, July 14, July 21 and Aug. 4.

Outlaws head coach and team co-owner Darel Keith was pleased with the change and said he will request the board allow the team to use the field in June.

The team will play in the six-team Central North Division of the Impact Conference. Other teams in the division include the Kentucky Reapers (Fort Knox), the

Outlaws 2012 schedule:

June 2 vs. Naptown Scorpions
June 9 at Kentucky Reapers
June 16 at Derby City Thunder
June 23 vs. Indianapolis Tornadoes
June 30 at Owensboro Wildcats
July 7 at Naptown Scorpions
July 14 vs. Kentucky Reapers
July 21 vs. Derby City Thunder
July 28 at Indianapolis Tornadoes
Aug. 4 vs. Owensboro Wildcats

Derby City Thunder (Louisville), the Owensboro Wildcats, the Naptown Scorpions (Indianapolis) and the Indianapolis Tornadoes. Teams in the Central South Division are the Music City Stars (Nashville), the Tennessee Central Xpress (Algood), the Kentucky Wolverines (Elizabethtown), the Muhlenberg Miners, the Clarksville Eagles and the Clarksville Wolfpack.

"I think (the revised schedule) helps us. I don't think it hurts us because we play games early at home," Keith said Wednesday at a team practice. "We need the people who bought season tickets to know that we will send out a mass e-mail to them. We knew there would be a change in the schedule, since (the GDFL) added the Owensboro Wildcats."

Keith added that the season tickets would still be valid for all Outlaws home games.

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Casey's General Store coming soon to Cadiz

BY DENNIS O'NEIL
NEW ERA FEATURE WRITER

Casey's General Store, an Iowa-based convenience store chain, will break ground on a new location in Cadiz later this month.

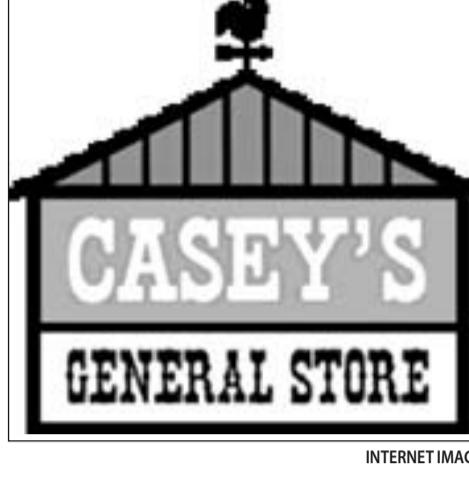
The store will be the first Casey's has opened in Kentucky, now the 12th state in which the chain operates.

"We are excited about the development of our store expansion into other states," said Robert Myers, the company's president and chief executive officer. "We plan to open our store in Cadiz later this summer, with additional sites in Paducah and Henderson to be built later this year."

The company operates 1,686 stores in the U.S. The stores sell gasoline and other products as well as sandwiches, pizza, tacos and breakfast items.

Cadiz Mayor Lyn Bailey said he has known about the company's plans the past six months. The store will be in a vacant lot formerly occupied by a service station, Bailey said.

Bailey is excited about the jobs the new store will create. He said a local plumber



INTERNET IMAGE

has already been hired to help in the construction and expects other local laborers to be hired in the near future as well. When completed, the store will employ around 30 people, Bailey said.

"We're very pleased that they are coming here," Bailey said. "It's very good for us."

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IN BRIEF

AGENDA

The Kentucky Open Meetings Law applies to the following meetings:

TODAY

Plan Review Committee, 11:45 a.m., Bruce conference room.
Oak Grove City Council
Budget Committee, 1 p.m., city hall.

LAKE LEVELS

Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake Elevation, last updated at 7 p.m. Thursday, **Kentucky Lake, Upper Stage**, 355.6; **Normal Stage**, 354; **Lower Stage**, 316.7. **Lake Barkley, Upper Stage**, 355.6; **Normal Stage**, 354; **Lower Stage**, 323.4. **Water Temperatures**,

Kentucky Lake, 58 degrees; **Kentucky Dam**, 56 degrees; **Barkley Dam**, 56 degrees; **Normal Temperature**, 55 degrees.

Source: Explore Kentucky Lake.

PRECIPITATION

Christian County Daily Precipitation (inches); **Monday**, 0.11; **Tuesday**, 0.00; **Wednesday**, 0.00. **Month to date**, 3.09; **Year to date**, 9.18.

Source: Kentucky Mesonet.

LOTTERY

Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Thursday:

5 Card Cash: KS-2C-4C-7D-8D
 Cash Ball: 17-18-25-26, Cash Ball: 10, Kicker: 8-8-2-2

Decades of Dollars: 08-11-12-22-46-47

Pick 3 Evening: 1-4-2

Pick 3 Midday: 0-3-7

Pick 4 Evening: 9-4-0-1

Pick 4 Midday: 6-7-7-7

Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — These Tennessee lotteries were drawn Thursday:

Cash 3 Evening: 2-2-0, Lucky Sum: 4

Cash 3 Midday: 4-1-4,

Lucky Sum: 9

Cash 4 Evening: 4-3-8-3,

Lucky Sum: 18

Cash 4 Midday: 1-6-4-7,

Lucky Sum: 18



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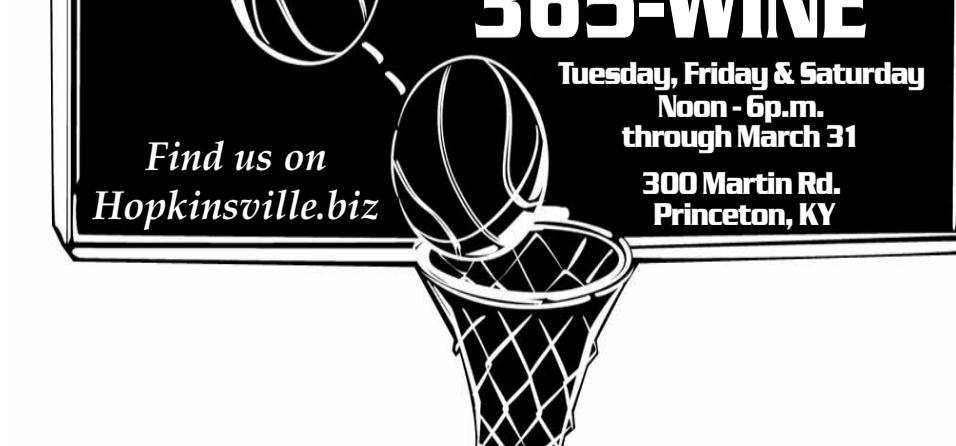
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Teacher pension funds underfunded

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a new generation of teachers replaces retiring baby boomers, financially strapped states face a quandary — what to do about teacher pensions.

A majority of states' teacher retirement funds are underfunded, some significantly below rates considered solvent, according to a recent analysis by the National Council on Teacher Quality, a research and policy group that seeks to improve the quality of teachers. The situation has stoked political fights across the country as state lawmakers weigh options such as moving teachers from a traditional defined benefit pensions to 401(k)-style plans, raising the retirement age or making teachers wait a decade to be vested in their plans.

The shortfalls reflect what's happening with public state and local pensions nationwide, with teacher pensions included in a more than \$660 billion shortfall in what's been put aside for such retirement benefits and what is owed, the Pew Center on the States has estimated. Many states offer separate pension plans for teachers, while others include them in broader plans that cover other government workers.

What's happening with public pensions is mirroring private industry. Companies have been abandoning traditional benefits because of the cost and the risk and replacing them with 401(k) type plans, which are more portable but transfer more of the risk to the worker.

In education circles, the issue takes on special significance because of its impact on kids. Pension policies affect the ability of districts to hire and retain teachers, and money used to shore up pension funds can mean tax hikes or come at the expense of other areas like education. As legislators weigh what to do, an estimated 1 million teachers are expected to retire within the next decade. The economic downturn has helped fueled the pensions shortfalls; states in better economic times expanded benefits that today are difficult to pay for and sometimes opted not to make payments into the systems.

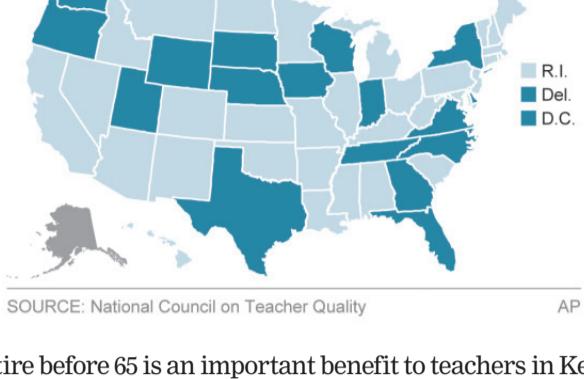
In Kentucky, Sharron Oxendine, president of the Kentucky Education Association, said the ability to fully re-

Teacher pension cash crunch

Most states' traditional pension plans face shortfalls in money set aside to pay retirement benefits to teachers.

Pension plan status:

- At least 80 percent funded
- Less than 80 percent funded
- No pension; employee contribution plan only



SOURCE: National Council on Teacher Quality

AP

tire before 65 is an important benefit to teachers in Kentucky, and that more than 90 percent of retirees stay in the state.

"When you have the baby boomers who are retiring, that's a really important issue for them, is being able to take care of their parents or other family members and that's an option for them. Is that 27-year retirement going to provide them a quality of life that they've been used to? Absolutely not; in more times than not, those retirees actually go back and find additional work is some other sector," Oxendine said.

Another current pension battleground is Kansas, where Republican Gov. Sam Brownback wants to transfer new teachers and other government workers to a 401(k)-style plan. The Kansas Public Employees Retirement System projects an \$8.3 billion gap between anticipated revenues and benefits promised to workers through 2033.

Signs of financial strain showing up for Romney

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO (AP) — The long and increasingly messy Republican presidential contest is starting to hit Mitt Romney where it hurts most: his wallet.

New signs of financial stress are emerging in Romney's campaign, which has built a wide lead in delegates thanks in part to the might of his bank account and multistate operation. As rival Rick Santorum's surprising strength keeps extending the nomination battle, Romney has scaled back expenses, trimmed field staff in some cases and begun to count more on free media coverage to reach voters. And he's still relying on an allied super political action committee to supplement his spending on expensive TV ads.

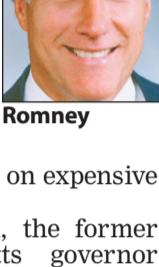
This week, the former Massachusetts governor was forced to spend two days privately courting donors in the New York area, even as his Republican rivals were wooing voters ahead of pivotal elections in places like Illinois, where he hasn't been in four months, and as President Barack Obama was stockpiling cash for the fall general election fight.

On Wednesday, Romney had five finance events in New York, all packed, raising about \$3 million, with more set for Thursday. So the news is hardly all bad. Wednesday "was the best day we've had so far," said New York Jets owner Woody Johnson, who accompanied Romney to multiple events, including a donor breakfast in New York City.

But it's less encouraging for the campaign that the money is badly needed to refill coffers that had sunk close to their lowest levels since Romney launched his presidential effort last year.

It's unclear if he will tap his own personal wealth.

The former financial executive, whose personal wealth is estimated between \$190 million and \$250 million, loaned his 2008



Romney

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Is Facebook part of your estate? New laws debated

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — When Karen Williams' son died in a motorcycle crash, the Oregon woman turned to his Facebook account in hopes of learning more about the young man she had lost.

Williams found his password and emailed the company, asking administrators to maintain 22-year-old Loren Williams' account so she could pore through his posts and comments by his friends. But within two hours, she said, Facebook changed the password, blocking her efforts.

"I wanted full and unobstructed access, and they balked at that," said Williams, recalling her son's death in 2005. "It was heartbreaking. I was a parent grasping at straws to get anything I could get."

Now lawmakers and attorneys in at least two states are considering proposals that would require Facebook and other social networks to grant access to loved ones when a family member dies, essentially making the site contents part of a person's digital estate. The issue is growing increasingly important as people record more thoughts and experiences online and more disputes break out over that material.

Williams, a second-grade teacher from the Portland suburbs, ultimately got back into her son's account, but it took a lawsuit and a two-year legal battle that ended with Facebook granting her 10 months of

access before her son's page was removed.

Nebraska is reviewing legislation modeled after a law in Oklahoma, which last year became the first state to take action.

"Mementos, shoeboxes with photos. That, we knew how to distribute once someone passed away," said Ryan Kiesel, a former legislator who wrote the Oklahoma law. "We wanted to get state law and attorneys to begin thinking about the digital estate."

Under Facebook's current policy, deaths can be reported in an online form. When the site learns of a death, it puts that person's account in a memorialized state. Certain information is removed, and privacy is restricted to friends only. The profile and wall are left up so friends and loved ones can make posts in remembrance.

Facebook will provide the estate of the deceased with a download of the account data "if prior consent is obtained from or decreed by the deceased or mandated by law."

If a close relative asks that a profile be removed, Facebook will honor that request, too.

Like the Oklahoma law, the Nebraska bill would allow friends or relatives to take control of social media accounts if the deceased person lived in the state. The measure would treat Facebook, Twitter and email accounts as digital assets that could be closed or continued by an appointed representative.

KENTUCKY BRIEFS**Wetlands sought in western Kentucky**

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — A conservation agency is offering to compensate western Kentucky farmers who want to enroll in a program that would turn low-lying lands that frequently flood into wetlands.

Shelly Morris, a project director for the Kentucky Chapter of Nature Conservancy, told The Paducah Sun that funding is being offered to landowners in Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard and Graves counties.

If landowners choose to enter the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program, an easement would be placed on the property which wouldn't allow it to be used for crops or timber. However, landowners would still retain rights to the land and be able to use it for hunting or food plots.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service says it hopes to get 5,500 acres, which would reduce runoff and improve conditions for wildlife.

Morris said resource officials inspect land that is offered to make sure the property is eligible. Property owners can receive up to \$3,895 per acre for cropland and up to \$1,948 per acre for woodlands.

"We consider this to be a very good financial compensation to get some of their harder to deal with agriculture land, that will do wonders for wildlife and the environment," Morris said.

Fulton County landowner Walt Goodman said participating in the program has benefited him.

"Enrollment into the program allowed me to purchase a 'better' row crop production farm and still own both farms," Goodman said.

Gov. appoints ex-Clinton aide new CHFS secretary

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A former senior staffer to President Bill Clinton has been tapped as the new secretary for the Cabinet of Health and Family Services in Kentucky.

Gov. Steve Beshear on Thursday named Audrey Tayse Haynes to take over the troubled cabinet starting April 16. She replaces former Secretary Janie Miller, who resigned last month.

Haynes served as director of the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach under Clinton and as chief of staff to Tipper Gore during the second Clinton-Gore administration.

Haynes will take over a cabinet criticized for how it has handled child death cases and records and which has been sued by newspapers for withholding records in cases that Franklin County Circuit Judge Philip Shepherd ruled should be made public.

Kentucky part of pilot making free meals easier

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky has been chosen along with five other states to take part in a federal pilot project aimed at making it easier for eligible students to get free school meals.

Under the project, students whose households receive Medicaid benefits will automatically qualify for meals in all of Kentucky's 174 school districts.

The state Department of Education says in a news release that 56 percent of students in the public school system qualify for free school meals and the new calculation will result in a slight increase. Eligibility has in the past been decided by enrollment in welfare and food-stamp programs.

The project begins July 1 for the 2012-13 school year. Other states participating are Alaska, Florida, Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania.



Kentucky Medal of Honor recipients Dakota Meyer (left) and Ernie West share a laugh Thursday during a plaque dedication at the Capitol in Frankfort.

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House passes open records change

FROM THE KENTUCKY PRESS NEWS SERVICE

A bill that would alter Kentucky's open record laws passed 93-0 Tuesday in the state House of Representatives.

If approved by the Senate, it would change the definition of a public agency to exclude some private businesses that receive government contracts from the requirement to disclose information through open record requests.

Rep. Johnny Bell, D-Glasgow, was a primary sponsor of the bill.

House Bill 496 would change which businesses are considered public agencies, and thus subject to open records laws. Under the current law, any entity that gets at least 25 percent of money spent in Kentucky from state or local funds qualifies as a public agency.

The new bill would exempt money that comes from a state or local authority as part of a contract through the public procurement process from being part of determining whether an entity is public or private.

Bell said he was pleased with the bill's reception.

"Everyone finally got a good understanding of it," he said.

He was approached by several businesses in his district that were concerned about requests made for business records, prompting him to propose the bill, Bell said.

"They're being asked to give over a lot of their private information," he said.

Private business records could potentially be used by competitors to damage businesses, Bell said.

David T. Thompson, executive director of the Kentucky Press Association, said KPA doesn't oppose the change to open records law.

Jon Fleischaker, a lawyer for KPA and the primary author of Kentucky's open records law, has said that the bill lays out clearly what the open records law was originally meant to do, Thompson said.

"Actually, what it's doing is just clarifying the intent of the open records law," he said.

Jim Waters, president of the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions in Bowling Green, said his organization doesn't oppose the bill, though he has some concerns.

Waters said the bill stems from a decision from the attorney general's office, issued in September, that Utility Management Group

LLC is a public agency because it received more than 25 percent of its income from the city of Pikeville and Mountain Water District, and had to comply with a records request from the assistant Pike County attorney.

He said the ruling spurred requests for information from private companies, including those in Bell's district.

The bill would prevent fishing for information about private businesses, which is important, Waters said.

"That can destroy business," he said.

Citizens can still see where public money is spent through open records requests to the state and local agencies that grant contracts, Waters said.

However, he said the institute is concerned that the bill could be interpreted to include quasi-government agencies, such as the Kentucky League of Cities or the Kentucky Association of Counties.

Such an interpretation would be damaging to government transparency, he said.

STORY BY Katie Brandenburg,
of The Daily News in Bowling Green.

KY. BRIEF**Officials: Murray State student dead after fall**

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — Officials with Murray State University say a male student fell to his death from an on-campus building and the incident is under investigation.

A statement posted on the university website says the student was found at about 9:30 a.m. CDT Thursday outside the Price Doyle Fine Arts Center.

Officials did not immediately release the name of the student.

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Legal hemp sends bad message, agency says

BY THE KENTUCKY PRESS NEWS SERVICE

Legalizing industrial hemp would create enforcement and perception problems for Kentucky, the head of a federal drug enforcement agency says.

Ed Shemelya, a former Kentucky State Police commander and head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy's Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, testified Wednesday against legislative proposals that would make marijuana's botanical cousin available for harvest.

Shemelya told the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee that Kentucky is one of the top states that produce marijuana, and hemp is "virtually indistinguishable" from outdoor marijuana plants, which can grow up to 18 feet.

Supporters of House bills 272 and 286, which would make hemp a legal crop under regulations, have said marijuana plants can be easily distinguished from hemp crops.

However, Shemelya contends that without analyzing the chemical makeup of the plant, identifying hemp from marijuana is practically impossible.

"It's only hemp when you determine the THC (tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive compound in marijuana) concentration of the plant," Shemelya told legislators.

"... The only way to do that is to actually do a laboratory analysis on that plant and determine if that THC content is a percent or less."

Shemelya's primary concern, however, is the message that legalizing hemp would

send. He compared the possible legalization of hemp to the 16 states that have allowed medicinal marijuana, portraying both as a perceived lax concern for marijuana.

He said in all 16 states that allow medicinal marijuana, usage of the drug has increased because "there's no perception of risk."

"It sends a horrible message to the youth of the commonwealth, and that's our biggest concern - the message we're sending out," he said.

"I understand ... the importance of agriculture and the need to diversify, but hemp is not the product we need to look at for diversification."

He also noted that Canada produced less than 12,000 acres of hemp in 2009 after a high of 48,000 acres in 1998 because of

market saturation.

It's unlikely either of the House bills will come to a vote this session. But Rep. Terry Mills, a Lebanon Democrat and sponsor of HB 272, said the discussion would continue considering the industrial possibilities with hemp, such as the manufacture of plastics in cars.

With the growing presence of methamphetamine and prescription pills, Kentucky's drug scene has changed since 1998, he said.

"As I've said, I'm motivated by making agriculture better," Mills said. "I'm not motivated by making any drugs legal for medicinal or recreational purposes."

STORY BY Kevin Wheatley, of the State Journal in Frankfort.



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A group of Amish men wait at the Kentucky Capitol for their case concerning traffic symbols on horse-drawn buggies to be argued in the state Supreme Court Thursday in Frankfort.

Ky. Supreme Court hears Amish buggy sign case

BY DYLAN LOVAN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A group of Amish men who have spent time in jail for refusing to use a reflective symbol on their horse-drawn buggies asked the Kentucky Supreme Court on Thursday to grant them a religious exemption from using the orange triangles.

More than a dozen Amish men from Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee dressed in dark pants, vests and wide-brimmed hats attended the hearing before the state's highest court to hear attorneys argue the religious freedom issue.

Their conservative Amish sect, known as Swartzentruber, prohibits the use of the slow-moving vehicle sign because they say the color is gaudy and

they depend on God, not manmade symbols, for their safety. They say if they did use the signs, they could be shunned by other members of the conservative group.

Justices on the high court questioned attorneys on whether roadway safety should be compromised over a group's religious beliefs, but Justice Will Scott said Kentucky law prohibits authorities from interfering with "rights of conscience," like faith.

"So this law interferes clearly ... with the rights of conscience," Scott said. "So doesn't it violate our constitution?"

The case on appeal originated in Graves County, where a group of Amish defendants have refused to obey the orange triangle law or pay the traffic

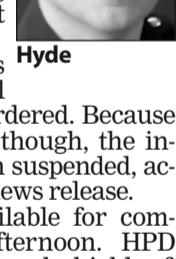
fines. The refusal to pay the fines has landed many of the men in jail.

Justice Mary C. Noble asked if the orange triangles are superior to other methods of marking the black buggies, like a gray reflective tape already in use by some Amish.

"Do we have any real evidence that this triangle that the law imposes on the Swartzentruber family branch indeed does what it says what it's supposed to do?" Noble asked Assistant Attorney General Christian Miller.

Miller told the court the sign draws attention to the buggy and can give a motorist a split-second warning that can mean the difference between "a 35 mile-per-hour collision ... and a 15 mile-per-hour collision."

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Hyde

HPD officer resigns following DUI arrest

BY DENNIS O'NEIL
NEW ERA FEATURE WRITER

Hopkinsville Police Department Officer David Hyde resigned Thursday after he was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol Saturday night.

Hyde also had an open alcohol container in his vehicle at the time of his arrest, which occurred on the shoulder of U.S. 68 near Interstate 24 in Trigg County. He was not on duty.

Following Hyde's arrest, an internal investigation was ordered. Because of his resignation, though, the investigation has been suspended, according to an HPD news release.

Hyde was unavailable for comment Thursday afternoon. HPD spokesman Paul Ray spoke highly of Hyde and wished him well in his future endeavors.

"He's done a lot of great things for this city and for this department," Ray said. "The is an unfortunate thing to happen. We officers strive for perfection every day and sometimes we fall short. He fell short in this situation."

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Murder defendant seeks bond reduction

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

The defense attorney for Dwight Wisdom, who is accused of killing a Cadiz man in December, told a Trigg County Circuit Judge that she thought her client's bond was excessive.

Tonya Fleming asked that Wisdom's bond be reduced from \$500,000 to \$20,000.

She said Wisdom's family could come up with the \$20,000, in cash, if the bond were lowered. With Wisdom's lack of a criminal history, he does not



Wisdom

pose a flight risk and could wear an ankle monitor, Fleming argued.

The prosecution disagreed and said that Wisdom, 19, of Princeton, was a flight risk because he ran away after the shooting and the severity of the crime demanded an expensive bond.

Fleming also said that Wisdom had been assaulted while at Christian County Jail. His injuries were not significant, but did cause bruising, Fleming said. Because of the assault, she requested that Wisdom be moved to another jail.

The judge agreed the bond was high but said it was a common practice in murder cases.

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ACCIDENT

Fender-bender results in hospital visit

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Complaining of neck and back problems, a 44-year-old man went to the hospital Wednesday after he was involved in a three-vehicle crash.

Joseph W. Foster Sr. was released from Jennie Stuart Medical Center later in the day, a hospital spokesman said.

Around 1 p.m., Foster was

stopped on West Seventh Street near Cayce's Pharmacy. Kimberly A. Risner, 41, of Hopkinsville, rear-ended Foster at a low speed, making his Toyota Yaris bump into the truck in front of him, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

Risner and the truck driver, Carolyn L. Smith, 65, of Cerulean, were not injured, according to the report.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Pendleton to speak at hemp seminar in Lexington

Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, will speak at a seminar on hemp Wednesday in Lexington.

Pendleton will discuss the possible economic benefits of hemp for Kentucky. Craig Lee, curator of the Kentucky Hemp Museum, will speak on the history of hemp and state Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer will share his plans on introducing it into the state economy.

The seminar will be preceded by a press conference at 5:30 p.m.

The seminar will be at 1200 Red Mile Road.

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CRIME

Detective: Woman lied about break-in

BY NICK TABOR
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

A Jan Drive woman told police a burglar stole her furniture and TV last week. Investigators now say she was lying.

She admitted on Wednesday that she sold the items herself to get money for bills, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

DeShannon L. Thornton, 34, now faces a charge of falsely reporting an incident. The police report shows a detective arrested her, but her name does not appear on Christian County Jail's website, either for current inmates or those recently released.

If convicted, she would face a penalty as large as a year in the county jail and a \$500 fine.

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Bill would pay interest on unemployment loan

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A bill approved by the House would let the state borrow money to pay interest on loans taken out to provide unemployment benefits to jobless Kentucky residents.

The proposal by Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark, D-Okolona, passed the chamber 97-0.

During the recession, the state borrowed \$948.7 million from the federal government so it could continue to pay unemployment benefits to those who were jobless.

Businesses have argued that if the state doesn't come up with a way to make sure interest payments are made by Sept. 30, the federal government would raise its unemployment insurance tax on employers from \$63 to to \$420 per employee next year. That would amount to \$600 million more than businesses would otherwise have to pay.

Clark said the legisla-

tion was needed to prevent a "disastrous tax increase" on employers.

The bill would require that interest on federal unemployment loans be repaid from the unemployment compensation administration fund, and it would allow Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance to purchase a revenue bond to pay the 2011-2013 interest payments. The principal is estimated at \$79 million.

The loan would be for seven years. Under the terms of the agreement, \$18.4 million would be used from the bond to before June 30 to repay the 2011 interest payment, \$29.6 million would pay the interest due on Sept. 30, and \$26.6 million would repay the 2013 interest.

Beginning in 2014, employers would see a surcharge of .22 percent of each covered employees' first \$9,600 in wages. Revenue from the surcharge

would be used exclusively to repay the money borrowed to make interest payments on the federal loans.

"Employee groups and business interests alike recognized the gravity of the situation," Clark said in a statement. "They worked together, and creatively, to design a legislative solution that will not pose additional burdens on our employers at a time when our economic recovery remains fragile."

Rep. Jeff Greer, D-Brandenburg, said he had "some concerns about the proposal, but there's no other alternative out there."

Rep. Jim DeCesare, R-Rockfield, also didn't like the situation.

"We're using borrowed money to pay the interest on borrowed money," he said.

"Unfortunately, we're between a rock and a hard place," he said.

BOND: Murder suspect seeks bond reduction

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He said he would review the arguments and make a decision in two weeks.

Christian County Public Defender Jack Faust sat in during the hearing as co-counsel. Prosecutors placed recordings of Wisdom's preliminary hearings into evidence.

Wisdom is charged with the murder of Eric Jones, 26, of Cadiz. Jones was shot during a party at the Trigg County Sports Complex on Dec. 4.

Wisdom turned himself in to Kentucky State Police two days after the shooting.

Detectives think Wisdom shot Jones in the parking lot during an altercation. The bullet entered Jones' left shoulder, pierced his heart and stopped on his right ribcage.

Eight shell casings from a 9mm handgun were recovered from the scene. Two were found near the front door of the sports complex and six were on the north end of the parking lot, a detective previously testified.

Wisdom was recently appointed a public defender after his former attorney, Will Kautz, said the family was unable to pay attorney fees.

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CRIME: Man accuses aunt of hitting, robbing him

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Man accuses aunt of assaulting him

A Hopkinsville man accused his aunt of hitting him on the head with a flashlight as he was walking down Glass Avenue. She stole \$294 cash and a check stub from him, he said.

Hopkinsville police formally charged the aunt, Heather L. Sumpter, 34, of Oak Grove, on Wednesday afternoon. They served her a criminal summons but did not arrest her.

Sumpter's nephew, Michael Finley, said the attack occurred March 7. Sumpter knew he was carrying cash, he said.

Finley filed a criminal complaint for a second-degree robbery charge, and Christian District Judge Jim Adams signed it on Wednesday.

Three burglaries, thefts reported in city limits

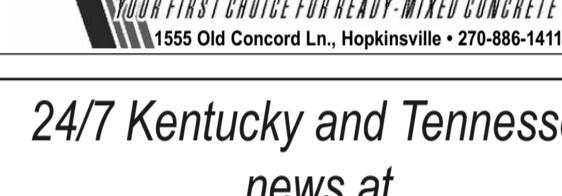
Three Hopkinsville residents reported burglaries or felony thefts on Wednesday, according to Hopkinsville police reports.

Mindy H. McCarter said someone removed a wallet and two GPS units from her vehicle between 10 p.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday. The vehicle was parked in a driveway on South Henderson Drive and was unlocked, according to the police report.

Adam C. Shakes said a trespasser apparently cut through the fence of Ben Tire Distribution on Calvin Drive and removed \$850 worth of tires from some trucks. This occurred between 5 p.m. Tuesday and 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, according to the report.

Michael W. Willis said a burglar entered his home on Shallow Lake Circle between 7:15 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. Wednesday. The person stole \$10,000 cash, Willis told police. The report indicates police have identified a suspect.

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AMISH: Kentucky Supreme Court hears case on buggy sign laws

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"There is something that needs to be on the back of those buggies to draw people's attention," Miller said.

Attorney Bill Sharp with the American Civil Liberties Union said the law does not require bicycle or horseback riders to use the triangles,

"yet a six-foot-tall carriage that's roughly the size of a compact car does have to have one."

If Kentucky's high

court doesn't help the Amish, state lawmakers could change the law. The Kentucky House may soon vote on a bill that would allow the Amish to use reflective tape instead of the triangles.

One of the Amish defendants, 40-year-old Jacob Gingerich of Mayfield, has spent 16 days in the Graves County jail for refusing to pay fines for violating the slow moving vehicle law. Gingerich said Thursday

after the hearing that he hoped Kentucky's high court was more receptive to their argument than the state appeals court, which ruled last year that the Amish were not entitled to an exemption for religious reasons.

Gingerich and the other men have racked up several violations dating back to 2007, when Gingerich was stopped and ticketed by a state trooper in Mayfield.

"I was out selling sweet corn and was on my way home," Gingerich recalled.

In January, a district judge in Graves County jailed Gingerich and eight other Amish men for three to 13 days for continuing to refuse to pay fines for the violations. Gingerich's fines exceeded \$600. A group of Amish men was also jailed in that county in September.

PENNYRILE: Local unemployment rate remains high

FROM PAGE A6

The most recent data from the Kentucky Office of Unemployment and Training show Christian County's rate at 10.7 percent. This translates to 2,750 unemployed residents.

In the same time period, January of this year, the state's average was 9.5 percent.

Todd County had 518 residents unemployed, making its rate 9.2 percent in January. This was a 1 percent jump from the preceding month.

Trigg County had 666 residents unemployed, for a rate of 10.4 percent. Its rate in December was 9.6 percent.

These statistics only count Kentuckians who have looked for work within the past four weeks. The employment rates do not include military employees, according to a release from the unemployment department.

All three counties' unemployment rates, and Kentucky's statewide average, remain well above the national average. Across the U.S., roughly 8.3 percent of residents are unemployed and seeking work, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

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BRIEFS: FOP seeks money for vests

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FOP soliciting money for bulletproof vests

The local Fraternal Order of Police is asking for money to supplement the cost of bulletproof vests for local law enforcement.

The Hopkinsville Police Department issued a press release Thursday emphasizing that the HPD does not receive money from the program but Chief Guy Howie also doesn't discourage people from donating to the FOP.

Hamilton College students volunteering at LBL

A group of Hamilton College students are traveling to Kentucky next week to do community service work at Land Between the Lakes.

Hamilton is in Clinton, N.Y. The trip is part of the college's 19th Alternative Spring Break program in which students conduct service projects for nonprofit organizations. This year's program includes 100 students on 10 service trips.

The students traveling to LBL will work on the Homeplace Living History Farm, a working farm of the 1850s. They will help with repairs and build fences on the property.

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Agencies should not profit from copying fee

The Kentucky Open Records Law and opinions by the state attorney general make it clear that local and state government agencies should not profit from fees charged for photocopying public records.

A bill being considered this week in the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee would change that for copies made in county clerk offices. It defies a long-held, logical interpretation of the law that says 10 cents a copy is plenty to cover the cost of paper and running a copy machine. HB **OUR OPINION** 545 would allow

county clerks to charge up to 50 cents per copied page. It would also prohibit the use of technology such as smart phones and handheld scanners to make copies of records maintained in a clerk's office.

The bill mainly addresses several issues related to the payment of delinquent property taxes. It should stop there. The provision allowing a 40-cent hike on the copying fee for public records could create a slippery slope that weakens the public's access to its own government offices. We oppose the increase. As the Kentucky Press Association points out, next it could be city clerks, school boards, county offices and other custodians of public records that attempt to make a profit off public records. There's no doubt it could also discourage members of the public from exercising their right to copy public records. The KPA notes that a number of county clerks already charge more for photocopying than the open records law and attorney general opinions support.

The open records law states, "The public agency may prescribe a reasonable fee for making copies of nonexempt public records requested for noncommercial purposes but may not charge for the right to inspect." The law clarifies by stating, "The fee shall not exceed the actual cost for making copies, including the cost of the media (paper) and mechanical processing, and shall not include the cost of staff required to make the copies."

Ironically, the discussion of HB 545 coincides with Sunshine Week, a national observance that encourages government transparency. The distribution of public records should not be a revenue tool for county offices. This is a clear attempt by county clerks to profit on the distribution of public records. That diminishes transparency and the spirit of open government.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Sunlight is the best disinfectant."

Louis Brandeis

Supreme Court Justice and Louisville native (1856-1941)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 16, the 76th day of 2012. There are 290 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Philippines, where he was killed by natives the following month.

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel "The Scarlet Letter" was first published.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rock-



COLUMNIST

Court definition of 'religion' not intent of our founders

I recently received an email from a friend. It began, "The U.S. Constitution is something many of us are talking about and most of us know very little about, and that includes me." I was dumbfounded because I think so highly of my very accomplished friend.



WILLEE COOPER

As a former U.S. history teacher, I, of course, taught the Constitution. I wondered if she might have been like some of my former students. Yes, I will admit that many students were not terribly excited studying about our founders, the Declaration of Independence, or the Constitution. The prevailing thought was that our founders were really old people and they didn't think like we do today. I even used the play "1776," which was made into a movie, to help make that time frame come alive.

When we would dive into the Constitution, I would ask what they thought "Separation of Church and State" meant. After listening, I would summarize that it sounded like they were saying that the Constitution would not permit us to express religious values in public places. Then I would challenge them to find the phrase, "Separation of Church and State," in the Constitution. I suggested looking at the First Amendment.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ..."

Can you find the words "separation," or "church," here or anywhere else in the Constitution? The answer then and now is NO! These words are not used in the Constitution. Many of us have heard this phrase so often that we believe that was the intent of the founders (even though they were old and didn't think like us).

The beginning of the First Amendment that deals with religion contains two clauses, the first is called the Establishment Clause and the second is called the Free Exercise Clause. The first clause prevents the government from establishing a single DENOMINATION as the preferred religion over another. Please note that the founders often used "denomination" and "religion" interchangeably. Before it was ratified, the First Amendment was offered three times and each time denomination was used instead of religion. There is no doubt that the national government was never to prefer one "religion" over any other denomination.

If one looks at the Congressional Record (required by the Constitution — Article 1, Section 5, Paragraph 3) of that day, it contains the official acts and words of each

chamber, and it is clear that our founding leaders expected basic Biblical principles and values to be present in public life. If one cares to read what George Washington, John Adams, Benjamin Rush, Noah Webster, or James Madison, to name a few, had to say about religion, you will find that our founding fathers warned that if public teaching of the Bible were restricted, we would see an escalation of crime and violent behavior. This would result in negative effects on society.

If not found in the Constitution, where then does the phrase "Separation of Church and State" come from? On Oct. 7, 1891, the Danbury Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut, wrote a letter to President Thomas Jefferson complaining that the Constitution suggested that the right of religious expression was government-given (alienable) rather than God-given (inalienable).

Here is Jefferson's response:

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God, ... I contemplate with sovereign reverence that an act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of 'Separation between Church and State.'

For 150 years, Jefferson's letter was interpreted not to limit public religious expression but to make sure that the government did not interfere with those expressions.

When did this change? In 1947 (*Everson v. Board of Education*) for the first time ever, the court looked at Jefferson's Separation phrase not as a government limitation but rather as a limitation on religious expression and principles. (The Court also pointed to the Due

Process Clause of the 14th Amendment.) Unlike previous Courts, who would reprint Jefferson's entire letter, this Court did not do so, but just printed his phrase "Separation of Church and State."

This Court did not even mention that two previous Courts had used this letter to preserve religious principles in public places. The 1947 Decision used this letter to remove religious principles from public places and completely subverted the meaning of Jefferson's letter.

Activist Courts have redefined "religion" in the Constitution. This has resulted in the prohibition of religious activities that our founders (who were really old and didn't think like us) encouraged. If you really want to know what is in the Constitution, why not get a pocket Constitution and keep it close at hand.

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while trying to block the demolition of a Palestinian home in the Gaza Strip.

Ten years ago: Gunmen killed Archbishop Isaias Duarte Cancino, a prominent critic of Colombia's leftist guerrillas, in Calif. Thirteen-year-old Brittanie Cecil was struck by a flying hockey puck during a game between the hometown Columbus Blue Jackets and the Calgary Flames; she died two days later.

Five years ago: Former CIA operative Valerie Plame told a House committee that White House and State Department officials had "carelessly and recklessly" blown her cover in a politically motivated

COLUMNIST

Unjustified killing abroad

"...nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." — from the 14th Amendment

Spin it any way you want. Justify it, rationalize it, chalk it up to the exigencies of war. And at the end, the fact remains: A United States citizen is dead and the United States government killed him. Without trial. Without due process. Without hesitation. And many of those who loudly deplored George W. Bush for smaller excesses seem content to allow Barack Obama this larger one.

No, I do not mourn the death of Anwar al-Awlaki. If anyone ever deserved to have a missile from a predator drone land in his lap, it was this New Mexico-born Muslim cleric, killed last September in Yemen, his ancestral homeland. American counterterrorism experts say he planned the failed 2009 bombing of a Detroit-bound airliner. Additionally, he is said to have inspired the Fort Hood Massacre of 2009 and the botched Times Square bombing of 2010. The world is a better place without this guy in it.

Still, the means of his dispatch from this world ought to give us pause.

Last week, Attorney General Eric Holder gave a speech in which he attempted to justify what the administration did. His reasoning was not compelling. In Holder's formulation, the U.S. government has the right to kill citizens if said citizens present an imminent threat of violent attack and if capturing them alive is not a feasible option. It can do this, said Holder, speaking at Northwestern University School of Law, without judicial oversight.



LEONARD PITTS

"Some have argued that the president is required to get permission from a federal court before taking action against a United States citizen who is a senior operational leader of al-Qaida or associated forces," he said. "This is simply not accurate. Due process and judicial process are not one and the same, particularly when it comes to national security. The Constitution guarantees due process; it does not guarantee judicial process."

What a flimsy rationale upon which to balance a decision as monumental and portentous as the killing of a citizen. Even granting that the demands of armed conflict sometimes make such things necessary, it is inconceivable that the White House would claim the right to kill without at least presenting its evidence before a federal judge in a secret hearing. To eschew even that safeguard — there is precedent, in urgent cases, for a ruling to be handed down in hours or even minutes — is to set Obama up as potential judge, jury and executioner of every accused terrorist.

So where is the outrage? Had Bush claimed the right to kill American citizens without judicial oversight, the resulting cries of protest would have been audible on the moon. Indeed, one of the protesters would likely have been Obama himself; he came into office on a promise to reign in the excesses of the Bush years, most infamously, the torture of so-called enemy combatants.

Now, Team Obama seeks to justify an excess Team Bush never did. Bush often said his job was to keep the American people safe. Not to diminish or demean that necessary goal, but it is worth noting that his oath of office actually says nothing of the kind. Rather, it requires him to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

It is difficult to see where torture — much less, unilateral killing — is consonant with that promise. And the people who decried Bush's excesses should also decry Obama's. Instead, he enjoys a measure of leeway and trust that Bush, whose overreach was much more habitual, never did. That forbearance is misplaced.

The leaders change, but the country is the country — and the principle at stake here is bigger than any one person's term in office. So no, Barack Obama does not deserve the leeway and trust our lack of outrage accords him.

No president does.

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smear of her husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, for publicly disputing President George W. Bush's assertion that Saddam Hussein was on the brink of acquiring a nuclear bomb. Menu Foods, a major manufacturer of dog and cat food sold under Wal-Mart, Safeway, Kroger and other store brands, recalled 60 million containers of wet pet food after reports of kidney failure and deaths.

One year ago: Pakistan abruptly freed CIA contractor Raymond Allen Davis, who had shot and killed two men in a gunfight in Lahore, after a deal was sealed to pay \$2.34 million to the men's families.

Clarksville police: Man dead, officer shot

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Police said a Clarksville police officer has been shot while responding to a call of a shooting at a home near Quicksilver Court. The man the initial call was about has died, according to a news release.

Officer Jim Knoll, a spokesman for

the Clarksville police, told The Leaf-Chronicle that the unnamed officer was shot on Thursday while responding to a call that a man was bleeding on the porch of a home in north Clarksville.

Officers followed a trail to another home where the officer was shot, po-

lice said.

A nearby elementary school was placed on lockdown and some neighboring homes were evacuated as police continue to investigate.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has been called in to look at the case, the release stated.

WIFE: Campbell soldier charged in death

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Christian County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

McGee, 30, a Pennsylvania native, joined the Army in 2002.

She was stationed in Germany until the Army discharged her in December, the day before she died, Army officials told the New Era.

On Dec. 3, a Saturday, the sheriff's department received a call about her death. When a deputy ar-

rived at the couple's home on South Cavalcade Circle, around 9 a.m., Korolevich was kneeling beside her on the floor, according to a sheriff's department report.

She was pronounced dead around 12:30 p.m. at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, according to a news release from December.

Physical evidence did not immediately show whether her death was a suicide or a homicide, said sheriff's

department spokesman Chris Miller.

But lab results and interviews with family members bolstered investigators' suspicions of foul play, according to the latest news release.

Miller said the ballistics report from the Kentucky State Police, returned Wednesday, was "at odds from what the original story was."

Based on those results, Korolevich was again interviewed by a detective.

During the interrogation, which was recorded, he allegedly admitted to killing McGee, the report states. Miller previously said McGee's death involved a handgun, and he said there was evidence that she had been drinking before she died.

Staff Writer Benjamin Joubert contributed to this report.

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SERVE: Boston students do local projects

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David said. On Wednesday, they visited the Boys and Girls Club of Hopkinsville for a meeting with local kids their own age.

They talked about academics and college preparation.

"It's about talking with the people," David explained. "We love the pace. We love the language."

When teachers asked the students what came to mind when they thought of Kentucky: "Fried chicken," they said.

After several days here, Yonas

Dinkneh, a junior at the school, said life seems to move more slowly in Kentucky than out East. More people sit on their porches; more people take walks.

Will Cresap, also a junior, said he noticed more expensive American cars than he sees back home.

Belmont Hill has a team in nearly every sport, including squash and lacrosse, David said. Dinkneh said it has a 100-percent college acceptance rate; many students go to schools like Harvard and Dartmouth College.

The boys tried to give helpful advice to the peers they met at Boys and

Girls Club.

The boys ate at Ferrell's Snappy Service earlier this week, and after a tour of Ebonite International, they planned to eat fried chicken at The Wood Shed and watch a Kentucky Wildcats game.

Tonight or early Saturday morning, they'll pack up their belongings at First Baptist Church, where they've been sleeping on the floor, take a bus back to Atlanta and fly home, David said.

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AFGHANISTAN: US hopes for reconciliation

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the Afghan government.

U.S. spokesmen said the administration will press on with trying to reconcile Afghanistan's government and Taliban forces willing to renounce terrorism, despite Thursday's announcement by the militants that they were suspending contacts with the United States.

The last substantive talks between U.S. officials and Taliban representatives was in January, and two initiatives to build trust and move toward real peace talks are in limbo.

The Taliban accused the U.S. of failing to deliver on promises and making new demands in the talks, a charge that White House press secretary Jay Carney denied.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai demanded Thursday that U.S. troops leave rural Afghan areas and stay on bases until they finish the withdrawal of troops by the end of 2014. The war effort has been set back in recent days by the weekend slaughter of nine children among 16 people killed allegedly by an American soldier, and earlier by the inadvertent burning of Qurans by

U.S. troops.

The Obama administration has endorsed negotiation with the insurgents as the best hope for reaching a political settlement in Afghanistan, and entered secret direct talks with Taliban representatives last year. The talks have foundered before, and several people familiar with the contacts characterized the latest news as a temporary but expected setback.

They spoke on condition of anonymity to describe sensitive diplomacy.

"There is no likely resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan without a political resolution," Carney said. "Our conditions for participation in that process by the Taliban have been clear in terms of the reconciliation.

Those who would be reconciled need to lay down their arms, renounce al-Qaida (and) promise to abide by the Afghan constitution. And we continue to support that process."

A senior U.S. official familiar with the discussions said U.S. officials expected some statement from the Taliban backing away from talks, and presume that the timing following Sunday's killings is an attempt to gain greater leverage over

the United States.

Even before the latest troubles, efforts to negotiate an Afghan settlement were stymied by the Taliban's unwillingness to negotiate directly with Karzai's government, which the militants see as illegitimate. Karzai has complained that he was cut out of the talks, complicating his sometimes rocky relationship with Washington.

The Taliban have maintained they want to negotiate only with the United States, the largest donor and largest military force in Afghanistan.

The Associated Press previously reported that the U.S. side had agreed to greater Afghan government participation in future talks.

That shift appears to underlie the Taliban claim of a change in terms, although their statement was not specific.

As to whether the U.S. has delivered on promises in earlier negotiations, the Taliban were apparently referring to a plan the U.S. has backed publicly to open a Taliban political office in the Gulf state of Qatar, as the Taliban had requested. That plan, although reluctantly en-

dorsed by Karzai, apparently has been delayed by an internal Taliban debate about a public renunciation of international terrorism.

The U.S. has made that renunciation a condition for opening the office.

The Taliban also seek release of five prisoners held at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The AP previously has reported that the U.S. agreed in principle to transfer the prisoners to custody in Qatar, and U.S. officials have publicly acknowledged the idea is in play.

Several Republicans in Congress have denounced the transfer plan, and there has been no apparent progress on it.

State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said the United States has made no decisions to transfer Taliban detainees. She urged continued negotiations with the insurgents.

"We still feel that if there is a process that can be supported, that we ought to do that," Nuland told reporters. "We remain prepared to continue these discussions," with a goal of getting the Taliban and the Afghan government to negotiate directly.

SCHOOL: Board selects first member of search committee

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transparent and open process and asking for community involvement in the search.

Recently, the Christian County Chamber of Commerce sent out emails encouraging county residents to sign the online petition.

In other meeting business:

■ The board tabled an item that would have redistricted a small portion of the district because of inconsistencies in the school zoning and street maps. Kathy Hancock, director of pupil personnel, told the board that, somehow, the street directory and the zone maps did not match, resulting in some students going to the wrong schools.

Hancock said she was unsure how the differences came about, but that "obviously somebody has made some changes." The board chose not to vote on the item until May 1. By the end of April, the district should hear the final ruling in a case that could require students to go to the school nearest to where they live, said board attorney Jack Lackey. Right now, the district draws the zones to best suit populations and to encourage racial

diversity, Lackey said. Because the lines may be redrawn in April, the board decided to avoid the possibility of rezoning twice — now and again in April.

Matching the two maps would impact around 150 students from Sinking Fork and Millbrooke elementary schools. Sinking Fork would lose the brunt of the students, while Millbrooke would have to absorb them. The bus system is currently using the master street list to decide what school students are assigned to.

■ The board approved more than \$10,000 for new band uniforms at Christian County High School. The current uniforms are from 1998, three to four years past their life expectancy, said James Gregory, CCHS band director.

The total cost for the 80 uniforms is nearly \$22,000. The remainder of the money will be produced through fundraising and other means, Gregory said.

■ The YMCA asked to partner with the school district for the use of the Hopkinsville High School's pool for swimming lessons. A representative from the YMCA told the board they would be willing to work around the

school's schedule and wanted to start a swimming program aimed at students with financial difficulties. The board approved drawing a contract for the district and the YMCA. The board will have to approve the contract at a later date.

■ The board approved the sale of 10 buses to the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association. The transportation department runs 100 bus routes daily and has 134 buses on hand. Each bus has a 14-year life expectancy. The district recently bought seven new buses.

■ The high school graduation date was set for May 16. The board discussed setting the graduation ceremony for May 18, but said there were too many days between that date and the last day of school on May 15.

■ More than \$187,000 in state funding was approved by the board. The money must be used for technology training in the schools. However, it can't be used to buy technological equipment such as computers. The district must now write a plan by March 26 to be approved by the state in order to receive the money.

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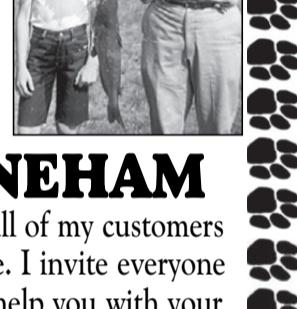
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2012 NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 'Madness' prevails

No. 1 UK romps Hilltoppers

BY COLIN FLY
AP SPORTS WRITER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Terrence Jones and Doron Lamb figured Kentucky's freshmen might have the jitters.

Good thing the sophomores already have plenty of NCAA tournament experience to share.

Jones had 22 points and 10 rebounds, Lamb scored 16 and top-seeded Kentucky began its quest for an eighth national title with an 81-66 victory over Western Kentucky on Thursday night.

"For this to be the first NCAA game for us, freshmen are usually — well I know I was last year — just a little nervous about all the pressure put on us, and it wasn't even as much pressure last year as it is this year," Jones said. "I just wanted to tell everybody to have fun and run. We just

"You can't really guard Terrence if he's playing his A-game throughout the whole game. If Terrence keeps doing that, we'll go far in this tournament."

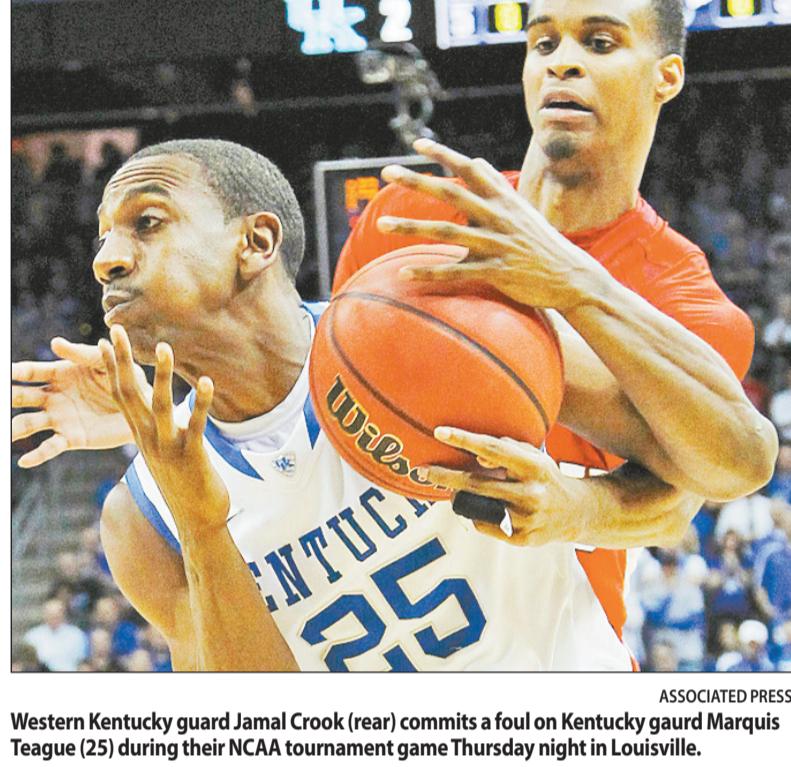
Doron Lamb

Kentucky guard on teammate Terrence Jones

got going from there."

"I've got a good team and good players," said Kentucky coach John Calipari, who never mentioned the Orange's struggles against UNC-Asheville to his team. "Let's worry about us playing as well as we can play; if that's not good enough, then it's done."

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Western Kentucky guard Jamal Crook (rear) commits a foul on Kentucky guard Marquis Teague (25) during their NCAA tournament game Thursday night in Louisville.

Cardinals advance

PORTRLAND, Ore. (AP) — Louisville point guard Peyton Siva did his best Steve Nash impersonation against Davidson.

Siva had 17 points and six assists, many times driving inside and then pulling back out to the perimeter ala the two-time NBA MVP, and the fourth-seeded Cardinals moved on in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2009 with a 69-62 victory over Davidson on Thursday.

The idea behind Siva's tactic was to help tire out the Wildcats and their up-tempo offense, and it worked.

"We said one of the greatest things Steve Nash does off the pick and roll, if he probes the lane and he decides he doesn't have anything, he just dribbles it back out and takes a different angle of the screen," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "I think that helped Peyton, watching Steve Nash do it."

After getting ousted in their open-

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Murray bounces Colorado State



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Murray State coach Steve Prohm (above) talks with guard Donte Poole during the first half of their NCAA tournament game against Colorado State in Louisville. Meanwhile, Racers' forward Ed Daniel (2, below) makes a spin move around Colorado State's Pierce Hornung. The Racers won 58-41.

BY KEITH JENKINS
NEW ERA ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — First-year Murray State coach Steve Prohm admitted having his former boss and mentor, Billy Kennedy, in the crowd Thursday made him a little nervous. Maybe that explains the Racers' slow start.

After falling behind 24-23 at halftime, No. 6 Murray State opened the second half on an 18-2 run and defeated No. 11 Colorado State 58-41 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

It was the Racers' first win in the tournament since 2010, when they upset then No. 4 Vanderbilt as a 13th seed.

Kennedy, who guided the 2009-10

team to a 31-5 record, left Murray following the 2010-11 campaign to fill the head-coaching vacancy at Texas A&M. Prohm, who served as an assistant to Kennedy for five years, was promoted last May to replace his friend and mentor.

"I was a little nervous," Prohm said of Kennedy sitting just a couple of rows behind the Murray State bench. "Man, if we lose, it's going to be really disappointing. It's great to have him here. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be in the position I am right now. I've learned a lot about coaching from him."

Ivan Aska, who led Murray State with eight rebounds, and Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year

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Louisville's Gorgui Deng blocks a shot against Davidson during their NCAA tournament game on Thursday in Portland, Ore. The Cardinals advanced to the third round with a victory.



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Houston	107	Charlotte	87	
L.A. Lakers	107	New Orleans	101	OT
Milwaukee	115	Cleveland	105	
San Antonio	122	Orlando	111	
Chicago	106	Miami	102	
Detroit	124	Sacramento	112	
Boston	105	Golden State	103	
L.A. Clippers	96	Atlanta	82	
Phoenix	120	Utah	111	
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Washington	99	New Orleans	89	
Dallas	101	Charlotte	96	
Oklahoma City	103	Denver	90	
Minnesota	108	Utah	104	
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers	128	Lakers	101	
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New Jersey at Orlando	6 p.m.			
Miami at Philadelphia	6 p.m.			
Washington at Atlanta	6:30 p.m.			
Indiana at New York	6:30 p.m.			
Portland at Chicago	7 p.m.			
Toronto at Memphis	7 p.m.			
San Antonio at Oklahoma City	8:30 p.m.			
Boston at Sacramento	9 p.m.			
Detroit at Phoenix	9 p.m.			
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Minnesota at L.A. Lakers	9:30 p.m.			
COLLEGE BASKETBALL				
NCAA Tournament Glance				
All Times CDT				
FIRST ROUND				
At UD Arena				
Dayton, Ohio				
Tuesday, March 13				
Western Kentucky	59	MVSU	58	
BYU	78	Iona	72	
Wednesday, March 14				
Vermont	71	Lamar	59	
South Florida	65	California	54	
EAST REGIONAL				
Second Round				
Thursday, March 15				
At The CONSOL Energy Center				
Pittsburgh				
Kansas State	70	Southern Mississippi	64	
Syracuse	72	UNC Asheville	65	
Gonzaga	77	West Virginia	54	
Ohio State	78	Loyola (Md.)	59	
At The Pit				
Albuquerque, N.M.				
Wisconsin	73	Montana	49	
Vanderbilt	79	Harvard	70	
Friday, March 16				
At Bridgestone Arena				
Nashville, Tenn.				
Cincinnati	(24-10)	vs. Texas (20-13)	11:15 a.m.	
Florida State	(24-9)	vs. St. Bonaventure (20-11)	30 minutes following	
Third Round				
Saturday, March 17				
At The CONSOL Energy Center				
Pittsburgh				
Syracuse	(32-2)	vs. Kansas State	(22-10), 11:15 a.m.	
Ohio State	(28-7)	vs. Gonzaga	(26-6), 30 minutes following	
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Wisconsin	(25-9)	vs. Vanderbilt	(25-10), 5:10 p.m.	
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SOUTH REGIONAL				
Second Round				
Thursday, March 15				
At The KFC Yum! Center				
Louisville, Ky.				
Murray State	58	Colorado State	41	
Marquette	88	BYU	68	
At The Rose Garden				
Portland, Ore.				
Louisville	69	Davidson	62	
New Mexico	75	Long Beach State	68	
Friday, March 16				
At Nationwide Arena				
Columbus, Ohio				
Memphis	(26-8) vs. Saint Louis	(25-7), 5:50 p.m.		
Michigan State	(27-7) vs. L.I.U.	(25-8), 30 minutes following		
At CenturyLink Center				
Omaha, Neb.				
Florida	(23-10) vs. Virginia	(22-9), 1:10 p.m.		
Missouri	(30-4) vs. Norfolk State	(25-9), 30 minutes following		
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BRIEFS**Stansbury retiring from Mississippi St.**

(AP) — Mississippi State men's basketball coach Rick Stansbury is retiring after 14 seasons.

Stansbury, a former Austin Peay State University assistant coach, held a news conference on campus Thursday.

The 52-year-old Stansbury has led the Bulldogs to a 293-166 record over the 14 seasons, including 11 postseason appearances — but last went to the NCAA tournament in 2009.

Howard staying put with Orlando Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard has signed papers agreeing to waive the early termination option in his contract and he will be with the Magic to begin the 2012-13 season.

Magic spokesman Joel Glass confirmed Howard had signed the papers Thursday morning.

Howard's decision ends the season-long drama on whether he would be dealt before the Magic risked losing him in free agency.

The Magic center had the option of ending his five-year deal in July and entering the open market.

Raptors send Barbosa to Pacers for Carter

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A person close to the situation says the Toronto Raptors have agreed to send guards Leandro Barbosa and Anthony Carter to the Indiana Pacers in exchange for a second-round draft pick.

The person spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been finalized. The Pacers declined to comment.

76ers acquire Young from Memphis

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The 76ers on Thursday acquired Sam Young from the Memphis Grizzlies in exchange for the rights to Ricky Sanchez.

The 6-foot-6, 220-pound Young, who plays guard and forward, was the 36th overall pick by Memphis in 2009 out of Pitt. He averaged 6.9 points, 2.4 rebounds, and 17.5 minutes per game with the Grizzlies.

Bills land Texans' star Mario Williams

(AP) — Mario Williams has agreed to join the Buffalo Bills for the richest contract given a defensive player in NFL history.

The linebacker-end who spent his first six seasons in Houston after being chosen No. 1 in the 2006 draft, got a six-year deal Thursday worth as much as \$100 million, with \$50 million guaranteed.

One day after Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson got the biggest contract in league history — \$132 million for eight years, with \$60 million guaranteed — Williams scored his monster deal.

Earlier Thursday, guard Ben Grubbs agreed on a five-year, \$36 million contract with New Orleans, where he will replace All-Pro Carl Nicks, who left the previous day for NFC South rival Tampa Bay.

Defensive end Frostee Rucker left Cincinnati for Cleveland and a five-year, \$21 million contract.

PREP**Messmer signs letter**

BY JOE WILSON
NEW ERA SPORTS EDITOR

CADIZ, Ky. — When Trigg County High School's Brianna Messmer put pen to paper Thursday afternoon on her letter of intent to attend The University of the Cumberlands, she made history.

Messmer, who will be on the college archery and softball teams, became the first Trigg County ArrowCat to sign a college scholarship.

"It's a great thing, I feel like I did something for the Trigg County ArrowCats," Messmer said after the ceremony at the high school.

Messmer was part of the 2012 region champion squad and was a member of the 2011 national champion high school team. Coach Meg Davis said she hopes Messmer will be one of the reasons the team repeats this season.

"She has had some

shooting issues she had to overcome and she did that successfully and a lot of archers would have just quit," Davis said. "She's turned it around and obviously she's going to college and will do well."



Messmer

will help her be an immediate impact for his team.

"We all know about Trigg County High School and the National Archery in the Schools Program they have here and Brianna has been a big part of that," he said. "Just knowing what this program is, Brianna came down twice and looked at the school, she's a great personality and she is willing to take on

challenges."

Messmer has been a member of the ArrowCats since the eighth grade.

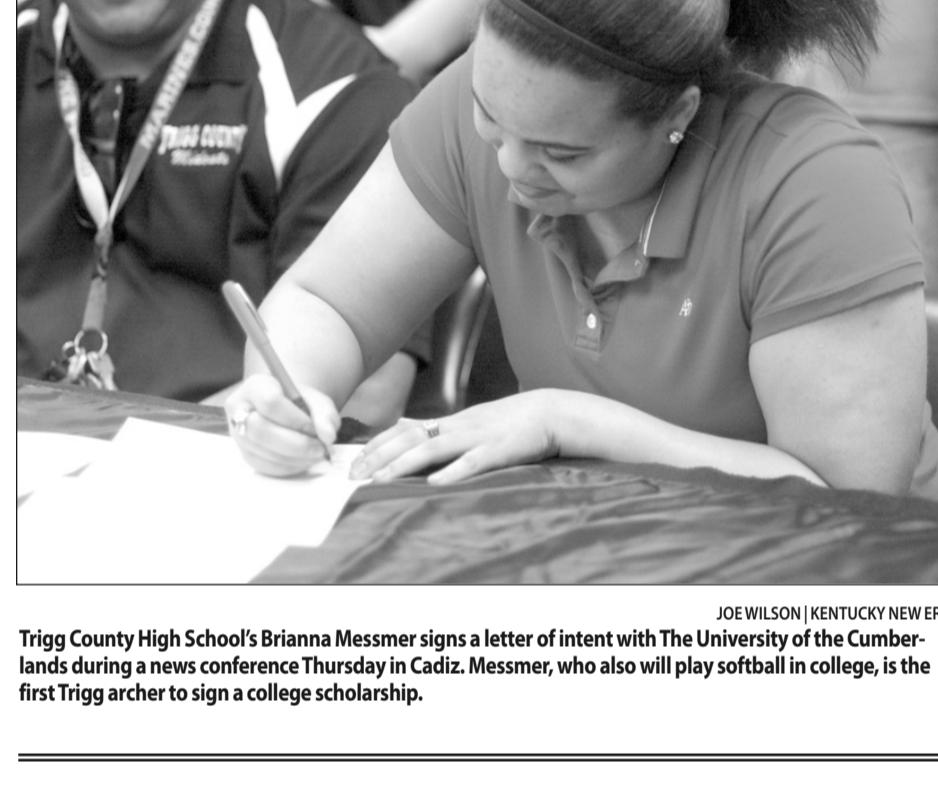
The University of the Cumberlands also is the first college in Kentucky to offer archery scholarships.

Meanwhile, Messmer, who is a catcher on the Trigg softball team, becomes the first Lady Wildcat to play college softball in many years.

"Brianna is special, she's one our four-year players and she has been a great leader," Trigg assistant softball coach Matt Wilder said. "She's a quiet leader, but when she talks they should listen because what she says is special. She's going to go as far as she wants in college."

Messmer said she plans to major in computer information systems.

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Trigg County High School's Brianna Messmer signs a letter of intent with The University of the Cumberlands during a news conference Thursday in Cadiz. Messmer, who also will play softball in college, is the first Trigg archer to sign a college scholarship.

Oldham ousts Bowling Green

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Tyler Wesely's three-point play in the final minutes helped Oldham County to a 55-48 win over Bowling Green in the first round of the boys' state tournament Thursday.

Oldham County (30-5) was clinging to a 45-43 lead when Wesely's play with 1:48 left provided the final push.

The Colonels were 15-of-34 from the field (44.1 percent), including 5-of-15 shooting from 3-point range. They were 20-of-24 from the free-throw line (83.3).

Sam Gruber led Oldham County with 16 points, Jacob Kopp added 13 and Wesely finished with 12.

Bowling Green (29-7), which is coached by former Hopkinsville girls' coach and Caldwell County graduate D.G. Sherrill, shot 19-of-47 (40.4) from the field but was only 5-of-12 (41.7) from the free-throw line. Scooter Hollis led the Purples with 14 points, Jalen Hunter scored 12 and Nacarius Fant 11.

Oldham County faces the winner of Thursday's first-round game between Boone County and Knott County Central in quarterfinal action Friday.

■ Scott County 59, Marshall County 43: Isaiah Ivey scored 17 of his 19 points in the second half to lead Scott

County to a 59-43 victory over Marshall County in the first round of the KHSAA Boys State Tournament.

Scott County was limited to eight-of-23 shooting in the first half Thursday, but improved its offense in the third and fourth quarters and finished the game hitting 21-of-41 from the floor and six of its 12 three-pointers attempted.

Chase Clark led Marshall County with 13 points but while his team played strongly in the first two quarters, the squad misfired on their first six shots in the fourth quarter. Marshall finished the game with 15-of-33 from the floor and six-of-17 in the second half.

■ Knott Central 71, Boone County 54: Simon Christon and Zack Davis scored 19 points apiece as Knott Central beat Boone County 71-54 Thursday in the first round of the boys' state tournament.

Christon scored five points as Knott Central (29-5) opened the second half with a 12-5 run to pull away to a 44-32 lead with 3:34 left in the third quarter.

Knott shot 13-of-16 (81.3 percent) from the floor in the second half while building a 20-point fourth-quarter lead and finished 23-of-35 (65.7 percent).

Boone County (27-8) misfired on the team's first 10 shots of the game and fell behind as much as 14 points in the first half before using a 13-4 run to cut the halftime deficit.

Jakeith Pitts scored five of his 13 points during the spurt. Zane McQueary, who finished with 18 points, scored four during the run.

■ John Hardin downs Johnson Central 49-36: Brandon Price scored 18 points and Daveon Greene scored nine straight fourth-quarter points in less than a minute to help John Hardin pull away for a 49-36 win over Johnson Central Thursday night in the Kentucky Sweet Sixteen basketball tournament.

The Bulldogs (23-8) led 32-30 in the fourth quarter before Greene scored nine straight points to push the lead to 11. The win is the first ever for John Hardin in state tournament play.

Shane Hall scored 11 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had five blocked shots for the Eagles, who led by five in the second half before struggling from the floor in the final two quarters.

Johnson Central (25-11) shot 36.4 percent from the floor.

John Hardin will play Scott County in the quarterfinals today.

NFL**Titans agree to terms with Hutchinson**

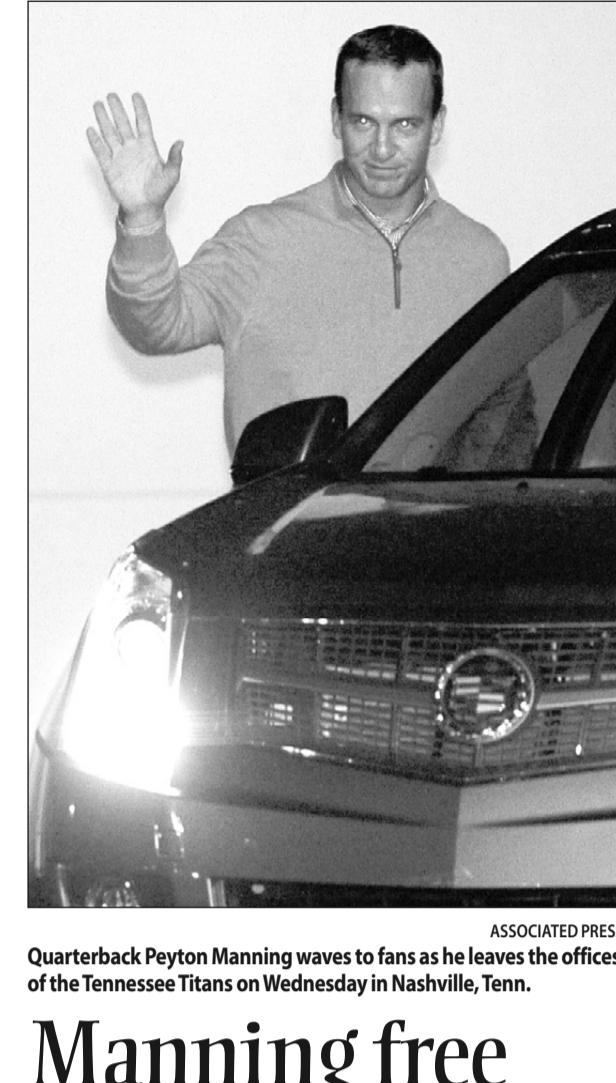
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans made boosting their offensive line a big focus in free agency, and they landed All-Pro guard Steve Hutchinson with a multi-year contract Thursday.

Terms of the deal were not released.

"Steve is a really talented player who has had a great deal of success in this league," general manager Ruston Webster said in a statement. "I like his lead-

ership and his toughness and he will obviously add to the overall talent of the group upfront."

Hutchinson visited with the Titans on Tuesday, and he also visited Seattle where he started his career before reaching a deal with Tennessee. Hutchinson did not immediately respond to a message left on his cell phone Thursday by The Associated Press.

NFL

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Quarterback Peyton Manning waves to fans as he leaves the offices of the Tennessee Titans on Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn.

Manning free agency stretches into 2nd week

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

on a team that wants to win games."

If there's no word from Manning by Friday, the Cardinals might wind up having to move on. That's because Arizona will decide by 4 p.m. EDT on Friday whether or not to release quarterback Kevin Kolb, who would be due \$7 million if he is on the roster Saturday.

Now Peyton Manning needs to decide what happens next.

The Denver Broncos, Arizona Cardinals and Tennessee Titans are awaiting word from Manning, and indications Thursday were that all believed they were still in the running to sign the quarterback who is the only four-time MVP in NFL history.

There's been no tangible sign of any of them dropping out of the Manning Sweepstakes — though the chances of the fourth team the star QB met with, the Miami Dolphins, reportedly were less certain.

ESPN and other media said Thursday that another free-agent QB, Matt Flynn, was planning to visit the Dolphins after his trip to see the Seattle Seahawks. That might mean the Dolphins know they won't get Manning or that team officials want to have options in case they fail to sign him.

Chad Henne, who began last season as Miami's starting QB but signed with the Jacksonville Jaguars this week, made it sound as if the Dolphins' pursuit of Manning was serious. Henne said Thursday he had "some talks" with the Dolphins before leaving, but added: "I think they are on the Peyton Manning Street" right now, so they are going to wait a while. In my position, there wasn't much time to wait. I kind of wanted a new start, a fresh start, and find a team where I feel comfortable. I just want to be

Set aside all of those face-to-face meetings that lasted six hours or more,

and the cross-country trips, and look instead to the way government figures are getting involved.

"I'm the governor; I'm not supposed to be getting involved in sports issues. Although I did hear that my buddy (Tennessee Gov.) Bill Haslam was calling Manning, trying to call Manning, to encourage him to come to Tennessee," Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper said in a telephone interview.



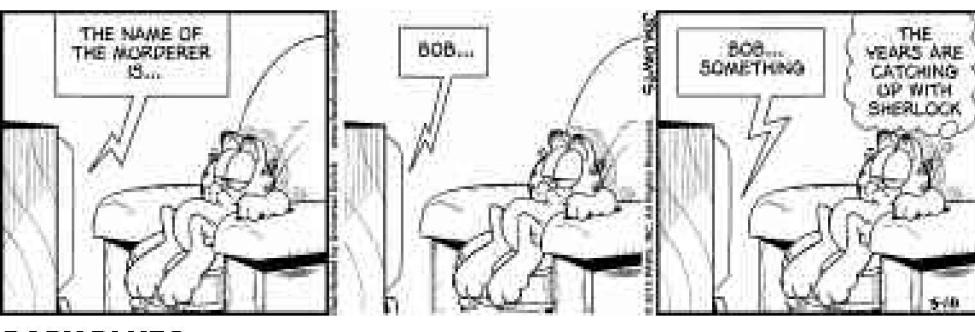
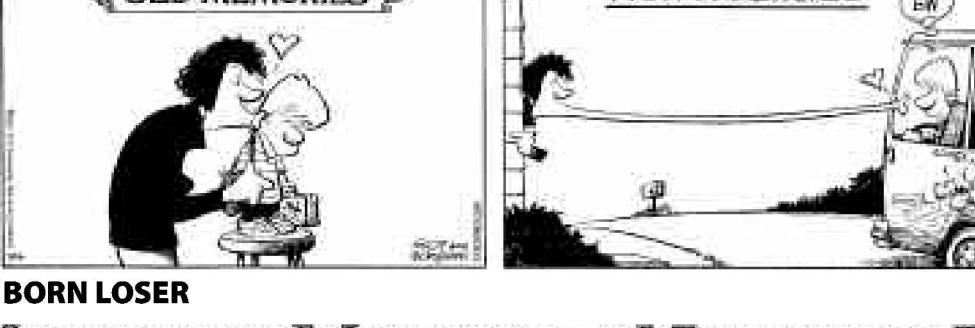
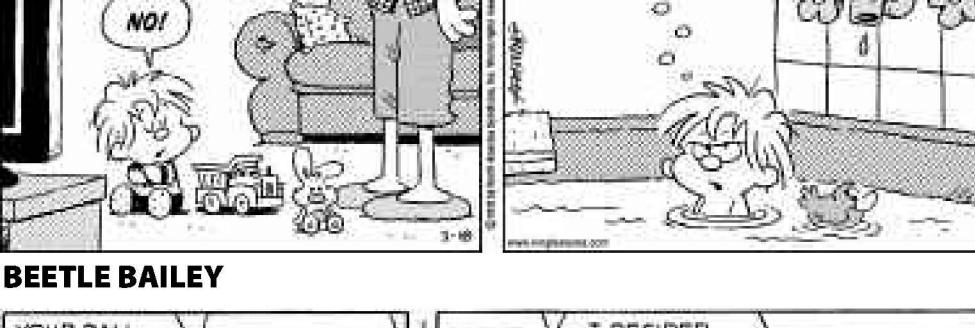
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33 ESPN		NBA Basic. Classics Oklahoma vs San Antonio □	David Tua Knockouts □	Friday Night Lights □	Friday Night Lights □	Her Story □																143	614
35 ESPN (L)		3:00 College Gameday □	SportsCenter □	NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs Philadelphia 76ers Site: Wachovia Complex -- Philadelphia, Pa. (L) □	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs vs. Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L) □	SportsCenter □										SportsCenter □						140	206
36 ESPN2 ESPN2		3:00 ATP Tennis BNP Paribas Open (L) □	Basketball (L) □	NFL Live □	ESPN Films "The Dewey Bozella Story" □	Boxing Holt vs. Coleman Site: Morongo Casino, Resort and Spa -- Cabazon, Calif. (L) □	WTA Tennis BNP Paribas Open Women's Semifinal 2 Site: Indian Wells Tennis Garden (L) □	College Gameday Scoreboard □	NBA (L) □	E:60 □												144	209
37 FSS Fox Sports		Sports Tour □	Sports Orlando, Fla. (L) □	MLB Baseball Spring Training Houston Astros vs. Atlanta Braves --	WPT Poker Legends of Poker □	WPT Poker Grand Prix of Paris □	MLB Baseball Spring Training Houston Astros vs. Atlanta Braves --	Sports Unlimited □														420	646
39 SPEED Speed		Trackside At "Bristol" □	NASCAR Racing Food City 500 □	Speed □	NASCAR Racing Food City 500 □	NASCAR Auto Racing □	Trackside At "Bristol" □	Perform. □	Mobil1 (N) □	Seat Swap □												150	607
40 TNT Turner Network		3:30 NCAA Basketball Division Tournament (L) □	:15 NCAA Basketball Division Tournament (L) □			:45 NCAA Basketball Division Tournament (L) □																138	245
41 FX FX		Mother □	Mother □	2½ Men □	2½ Men □	2½ Men □	2½ Men □	Ψ ★★ Hancock ('08, Act) Will Smith. □	Ultimate Fighter (N) □	Archer □	Archer □	Archer □	Archer □	Archer □	Archer □	Archer □	Transporter 2 □					136	248
42 USA USA		Law & Order: S.V.U. □	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Harm" □	Law & Order: S.V.U. □	Law & Order: S.V.U. □	Law & Order: S.V.U. □	Law & Order: S.V.U. □	Fairly Legal "Trophy" □	Fairly Legal "Satisfaction" (SP) (N) □	Sights "Errors and Omissions" □	Fairly Legal "Satisfaction" □	Fairly Legal "Satisfaction" □	In Plain Sight "The Anti-Social Network" □	In Plain Sight "The Anti-Social Network" □	In Plain Sight "The Anti-Social Network" □	In Plain Sight "The Anti-Social Network" □	16 ★ 16 Blocks ('06, Thrill Bruce Willis. □	16 ★ 16 Blocks ('06, Thrill Bruce Willis. □	16 ★ 16 Blocks ('06, Thrill Bruce Willis. □	16 ★ 16 Blocks ('06, Thrill Bruce Willis. □	16 ★ 16 Blocks ('06, Thrill Bruce Willis. □	105	242
43 TBS Turner Broadcasting System		3:00 NCAA Basketball □		:45 NCAA Basketball Second Round □					:15 NCAA Basketball Second Round □													139	247
44 HMC Home & Family		3:00 Ψ ★ Out of the Way... □	Ψ ★ Joe Somebody ('01, Com/Dra) Tim Allen. □	Ψ Generation Gap ('08, Dra) Alex Black. □	Ψ Mending Fences ('09, Dra) Laura Leighton. □	Ψ Mending Fences ('09, Dra) Laura Leighton. □	Ψ Murder, She Wrote □	Ψ Murder, She Wrote □	Ψ Out of the Woods □													187	560
45 FNC Fox News Channel		3:00 The Five □		Special Report □	FOX Report □	The O'Reilly Factor □	Hannity □	On the Record □	The O'Reilly Factor □	Hannity □	Hannity □	Hannity □											

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"I think this has too much 'mac' and not enough 'roni.'"

CLASSIC PEANUTS**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE****Cryptoquote**

A X Y D L B A A X R
is LONGFELLOW.

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's; X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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I E E A H O T S X E M X R S Y H
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: GROWING OLD IS
MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.
— CHILI DAVIS

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NON-SEQUITUR**Sudoku Puzzle**

1		2		3	4
		3		1	
	6			7	
7	2		6		3
8				9	
6		5		8	1
	3		9		
8		7	4		
5	2		1		6

Sudoku Answer

5	2	7	8	1	3	4	6	9
8	9	1	7	6	4	3	5	2
4	6	3	5	9	2	8	1	7
6	3	4	5	7	2	9	6	8
1	8	5	6	4	3	7	2	1
9	7	2	1	8	6	5	4	3
3	5	9	6	7	1	9	8	5
2	4	8	9	2	5	6	3	4
7	1	8	9	2	5	6	3	4

Yesterday's answer**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Thurman's 1 Holds
- 2 "Gattaca" 2 Drama
- 3 co-star 3 Question
- 6 Informal 4 to a
- 11 greeting 5 suspect
- 12 Longed 6 Knightley
- 13 Square 7 of "Atone-
- 14 Laundry 8 ment"
- 15 problem 9 Writer
- 16 Throw 10 Ferber
- 17 with effort 11 "I didn't
- 18 bunkers 12 catch that"
- 19 "Lohen- 13 Tot
- 20 grin" 14 garments
- 21 lady 15 Question
- 22 Without 16 to a
- 23 Nogood- 17 speeder
- 24 nik 18 Singing
- 25 Short solo 19 star
- 26 Phoenix 20 Start the
- 27 birthplace 21 bidding
- 28 "Non- 22 Course
- 29 sense!" 23 goal
- 30 Everest 24 "Chicago"
- 31 experts 25 Blown
- 32 Look over 26 away
- 33 Lip 27 Sign of
- 34 Storage 28 error
- 35 spot 29
- 36 Gangsters' 30
- 37 guns 31
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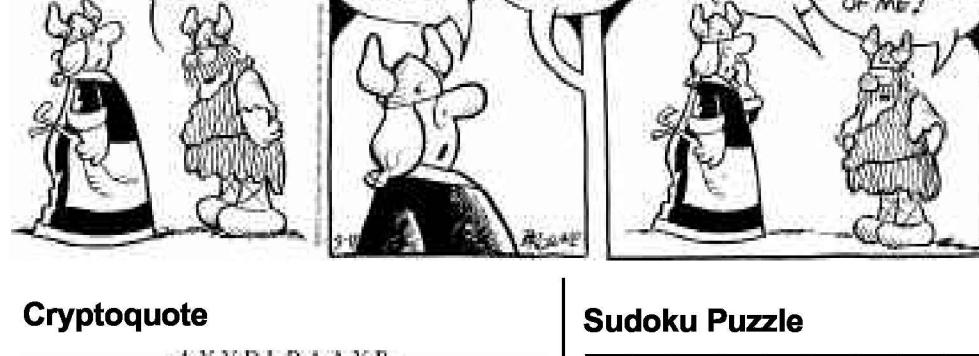
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A plugger's "vintage" suit is made of polyester.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"...but the only blouses I have are apple, emerald and avocado."

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CRYPTOQUOTE

V O N W F V R G Q X H K , M
R N G Y Z M P K O M W Z M R K X M W
Z N Z M G G K Z P M W R O N P U N W F
U V G G V N W P F M G V Z V F R .

— U M K M M W A F G N Q

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: COOPERATION IS THE THOROUGH CONVICTION THAT NOBODY CAN GET THERE UNLESS EVERYBODY GETS THERE. — VIRGINIA BURDEN

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1	3	7	4	9	2	5	6	8
8	2	9	7	6	5	4	3	1
5	6	4	3	8	1	2	7	9
6	5	2	1	7	6	5	8	3
4	9	2	5	3	9	1	2	7
7	1	8	2	6	5	3	9	6

Sudoku Answer

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	S	A	S	S	S	H	E	D	
G	A	T	S	S	U	L	U		

Yesterday's answer

CROSSWORD**By THOMAS JOSEPH****ACROSS**

1 Police trap

6 Irish county

11 Track horse

12 Tough puzzle

13 Past plump

14 Showy flower

15 Irish area

17 Luau strings

18 Pot brew

19 Annulled

22 Compass pt.

23 Sculpted

24 Tyler Perry persona

25 "Heavens!"

27 "— been real"

30 Intermin-

31 Ran into

32 "— had it!"

33 Irish city

35 Dark times, informally

38 Speak

39 Furtive fellow

40 Playful mammal

41 Irish county

42 Mike of "Shrek"

DOWN

1 Gas can parts

2 Restaurant fixtures

3 Winter fisherman's tool

4 High home

5 Immigrant's ID

6 1040 filer's asst.

7 — Lobos

8 Crafty

9 Smelled really bad

10 Goofed

16 Let in again

20 Back-stage waiting spot

21 Gardner of movies

24 Writer Rita — Brown

25 Heavenly

26 New Hampshire town

27 White Rabbit cry

28 Seesaw group

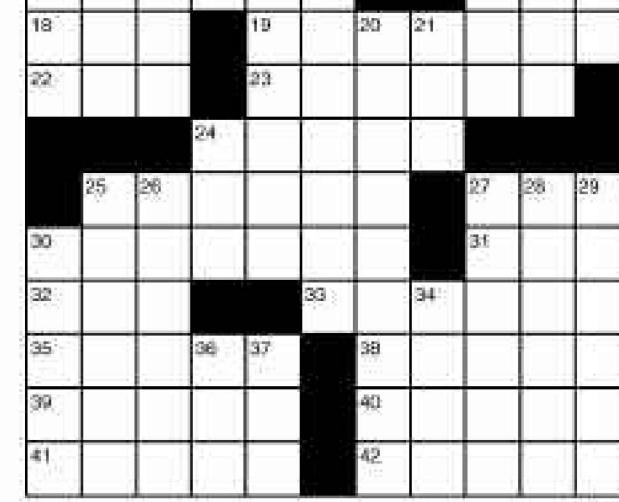
30 Capital of Belarus

34 Pretentious

36 Corn unit

37 Blue shade

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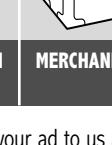
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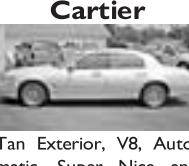
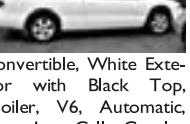
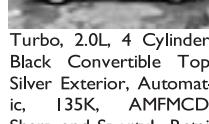
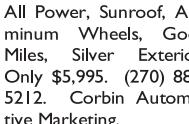
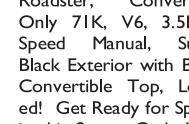
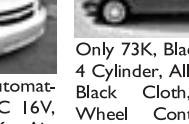
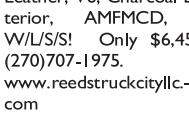
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